

In the Specification:

Please amend the reference to related patent applications as follows:

Page 1, line 9: After "1997," insert the words --now abandoned--.

Page 1, line 9: After "1996," insert the words --now abandoned--.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 10, 11, 12 and 13 as follows:

Sub D1 >  
A1  
Sub E1 >  
1. (Once amended) A process for modifying the properties of a particulate dietary fiber material derived from natural grains and wood products comprising dispersing said particulate material in a liquid media, applying an abrupt pressure change to said particulate material in said liquid media, and recovering said modified fiber material.

2. (Once amended) The process of claim 1 wherein said abrupt pressure change [is from about 0.8 to about 1.2 atm. to greater than 13,000 psi to about 100,000 psi in about 0.1 to 0.2 sec] is applied for about 0.1 to about 0.2 sec by means of a piston driven by a compressive air force of about 60 to about 90 psi.

Sub D2 >  
A2  
10. (Once amended) A process to reduce the water holding capacity and oil retention properties of dietary fibers selected from the group including dietary cellulose and wheat fibers, comprising preparing a suspension of said fibers in a liquid media, applying an abrupt pressure change for about 0.1 to about 0.2 sec [greater than 13,000 to about 100,000 psi] to said suspension by means of a piston driven by a compressive air force of about 60 to about 90 psi and recovering a modified fiber having said reduced properties.

11. (Once amended) A process to increase the water holding capacity and oil retention properties of dietary fibers selected from the group including dietary soy, wheat bran, oat and